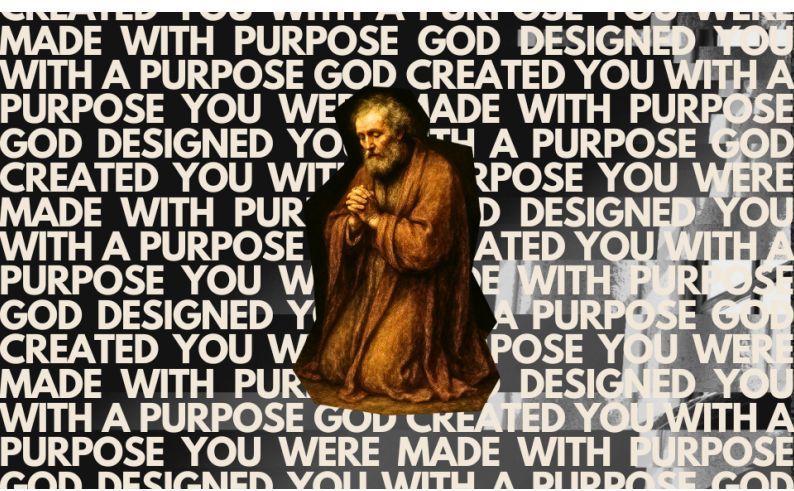




the spiritual gifts

Small Group Guide: **The Spiritual Gifts, Week 9**

Key Takeaways:

1. The "working of miracles" in 1 Corinthians 12:10 refers to a specific type of miracle, not just any supernatural event.
2. There are four Greek words used for miracles in the New Testament, each describing a different type of miraculous event.
3. The gift of miracles (dunamis) refers to miraculous acts of power - the mightiest and most spectacular of miracles.
4. While all spiritual gifts are miraculous, the gift of miracles is distinct in its power and magnitude.

Discussion Questions:

1. How does understanding the different Greek words for miracles enhance our comprehension of spiritual gifts?
2. Pastor Allen's sermon mentions that the gift of miracles produces "bigger" and more "powerful" miracles. How

might this impact our expectations and prayers for miraculous interventions?

3. Can you think of any modern-day examples that might qualify as the "working of miracles" as described in this sermon?
4. How do you reconcile the idea of spectacular miracles with everyday faith and Christian living?

Practical Application:

1. Study biblical examples of the "working of miracles" (e.g., Elisha parting the Jordan, Moses parting the Red Sea). Reflect on how these events demonstrate God's power.
2. Pray for increased faith to believe in God's ability to perform mighty miracles, even if we don't witness them regularly.
3. Be open to how God might work through you in smaller, everyday "miracles" while remaining expectant for more significant manifestations of His power.
4. Share testimonies of miracles you've experienced or heard about, encouraging one another in faith.

Closing Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the gift of miracles and all spiritual gifts. Increase our faith to believe in Your power to do the impossible. Help us to be open to how You want to work through us, whether in small ways or through mighty acts. May we always give You the glory for the miraculous in our lives. Amen.

5-Day Devotional

Day 1: The Power of God's Miracles

Reading: Mark 6:1-6

Devotional: Jesus' hometown struggled to believe in His power, limiting the miracles He could perform there. How often do we limit God's work in our lives through our own unbelief? Today, reflect on areas where you might be doubting God's power. Ask Him to increase your faith and open your eyes to the miracles He wants to perform in and through you. Remember, with God, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).

Day 2: The Sign of Jonah - Death and Resurrection

Reading: Matthew 12:38-40

Devotional: Jesus pointed to Jonah's experience as a foreshadowing of His own death and resurrection. This "sign of Jonah" is the ultimate proof of Jesus' identity and power. As you meditate on Christ's sacrifice and victory over death, consider how this truth impacts your daily life. How does the reality of the resurrection give you hope in difficult times? Let this assurance of God's power over death strengthen your faith and embolden your witness.

Day 3: The Holy Spirit's Manifestation

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Devotional: God's Spirit manifests in various ways, each designed to bring the spiritual and natural worlds together. Which of these gifts have you experienced or witnessed? How have they strengthened your faith or the faith of others? Today, pray for openness to how the Holy Spirit might want to work through you to encourage and build up the body of Christ. Remember, these gifts are not for personal glory, but to glorify God and serve others.

Day 4: Faith That Moves Mountains

Reading: Matthew 17:14-20

Devotional: Jesus teaches that even faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains. What "mountains" are you facing in your life right now? Bring these challenges before God today, asking Him to increase your faith. Remember, it's not the size of your faith that matters, but the size of the God in whom you place your faith. Trust in His power and promises, even when circumstances seem impossible.

Day 5: God's Presence in Suffering

Reading: Romans 8:18-39

Devotional: Paul reminds us that nothing can separate us from God's love, even in our deepest suffering. Reflect on times when you've felt God's presence in difficult circumstances. How has He comforted or strengthened you? Today, if you're facing trials, cling to the promise that God is with you and working all things for good. If you're in a

season of blessing, consider how you can comfort others with the comfort you've received from God (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).